

and some 40 there the following day. I also noticed a number there later at ivy bloom on the 30th September. — E. CARPENTER, 50 Sycamore Close, Lydd, Kent.

THE NI MOTH: *TRICHOPLUSIA NI* HUEBNER, AT PORTLAND IN 1980. — I took a male specimen of this migratory species at Portland Bill, Dorset on the night of the 24th May, 1980. It was a very poor night for insects generally, with only about 20 moths per m.v. trap at dawn. — W. L. COSTER, 15 Elm Road, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford, Essex.

THE CAMBERWELL BEAUTY IN SPAIN. — During a recent collecting trip to Spain, about 20 specimens of *Nymphalis antiopa* L. were seen in the Cantabrian Mountains of North Spain at the beginning of June. Several were observed around bushy willows near the village of Portilla de la Reina between Riano and the San Glorio Pass. It was a pleasure to watch and photograph this fine butterfly feeding on the willow flowers. I "sleeved" three fairly fresh females on a willow branch, but no eggs were laid after three days when I had to move on after releasing the butterflies. I made a thorough search of many willows but no "webs" were discovered. The season was a late one, and it is probable that most females had already laid their egg clusters. During several visits to Spain, I have not seen *N. antiopa* in such numbers, and am wondering whether this could mean another invasion of Britain by this species this summer. — H. G. PHELPS, "Green Oak", Potters Hill, Crockerton, Warminster, Wilts., 14.vi.1980.

THE CONVULVULUS HAWKMOTH: *AGRIUS CONVULVULI* L. IN SUSSEX. — On Thursday, 26th June, 1980 my close neighbour found a *Convolvulus* Hawk at rest on his front door. This female specimen was fairly fresh but with some damage probably made when it was boxed. I kept it in captivity together with *Convolvulus arvensis* for six days but it laid no eggs. I would be interested to know whether other captures of this moth have been recorded this year around this date. Normally I do not see this migrant until September/October. — RONALD PICKERING, 123 Manor Way, Aldwick Bay, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 4HN.

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